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Please cancel the paragraph appearing at page 11, lines 7-21, and insert in its place the following new paragraph:

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Samples of the seed harvested from several of these lines of the M₄ progeny; namely, samples of M₅ seed from each of the seven separate lines designated by the inventor as PWC16, PWC23, CMC29, CMC31, WDC33, WDC37, and WDC38; were separately deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Virginia 20110-2209 on November 2, 1999; and were assigned ATCC Accession Nos. PTA-904, PTA-905, PTA-902, PTA-903, PTA-906, PTA-907, and PTA-908, respectively. Each of these deposits was made pursuant to a contract between ATCC and the assignee of this patent application, Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College. Each of the contracts with ATCC provides for permanent and unrestricted availability of these seeds or the progeny of these seeds to the public on the issuance of the U.S. patent describing and identifying the deposit or the publication or the laying open to the public of any U.S. or foreign patent application, whichever comes first, and for the availability of these seeds to one determined by the U.S. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks (or by any counterpart to the Commissioner in any patent office in any other country) to be entitled thereto under pertinent statutes and regulations. The assignee of the present application has agreed that if any of the seeds on deposit should become nonviable or be lost or destroyed when cultivated under suitable conditions, they will be promptly replaced on notification with a viable sample of the same seeds.

In the Claims:

✓ Please cancel Claims 1-61, and 74.

Please amend Claims 62 and 71 to read as follows: